

Marshfield Conservation Commission
140th Meeting
Meeting of 6 May, 2020 via Zoom

Members Present: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, and Annie Reed

Non-Members Present: Bradley Materick

- I. Approve minutes
 - Change requested by Steve Fiske: High Meadows Fund grant to replace Basin 8 Clean Water Block grant
 - Minutes approved as amended
- II. Treasurer's report
 - According to the Town Clerk there has been no change in the balance of funds
- III. Ash Inventory update
 - John Fowler Road, Upper and Lower Depot, and side roads remain to be done
 - Ed and Annie are proposing to do the remaining roads
 - We have recorded almost 2,000 ash trees
- IV. AVCC Membership
 - The Town Clerk needs an invoice to pay our membership dues
 - Invoice has been requested from the AVCC, who will send it to the town
- V. Tree and Shrub sale recap
 - Two towns each earned ~\$680; our share will be added to the Conservation Fund
 - Prices for the product have gone up, but we have kept our prices approximately steady
 - Thank yous to all members of the Conservation Commissions of both towns who contributed to the success of the sale
 - Members discussed the prospect of future sales and options for earning funds to the Conservation Fund and support for the propose Town Natural Resources Inventory
- VI. Natural Marshfield
 - Programs at the Library have been shut down
 - Spring Wildflower walk and Bird walks have been cancelled
 - Note: it was later noted that the Stranahan Stewardship Committee has cancelled all organized nature hikes on the town forest
- VII. Conservation Lands
 - Nothing to report

VIII. High Meadows Grant update

- Nothing to report

IX. Membership

- Town Clerk determined that the opening on the Commission should be publicly posted
- The announcement with verbiage provided by Annie will be posted on Front Porch Forum
- Bradley has sent a formal letter to the Select Board requesting appointment to the Marshfield Conservation Commission

X. Discussion on how to encourage people to be outdoors

- Discussed short draft posting prepared by Bradley to be submitted to FPF
- The Commission members unanimously agreed to posting the Bradley's draft that encourages Town residents to take advantage of the many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and Marshfield's biodiversity

XI. Announcements

- Anne Miller will consider re-starting Natural Marshfield

XII. New Business

- Discussion of request from a Town of Orange Select Board member for permission to reference the Wildlife Brochure on their website
- Members were enthusiastic in their support for this action
- Taber will contact the Select Board member and provide the permission and get further clarification regarding the request.

Submitted by: Taber Allison

Submitted on: 28 May, 2020

Approved on: 3 June 2020